

THE PLANET VULCAN.

THE ASTRONOMERS STILL WATCHING INTENTLY.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—The astronomers at the Naval Observatory in this city have kept a steady watch from sunrise to sunset, during the last two days, for Vulcan, the reported planet, and its transit across the disc of the sun, but as yet they have been unable to discover the existence of that planet, and hence they are disposed to doubt its existence and regard its reported discovery as a myth. The most powerful instruments, being the same as those used nearly two years ago in observing the transit of Venus, have been used again, but no discovery was made. The observations will be continued, however, for several days. On the 4th of April last, M. Weber, a German astronomer at Pöotsch, reported that he had discovered something near the sun, and Le Verrier, the Director of the National Observatory of France, upon learning the fact expressed the opinion that it might be Vulcan, a planet which he supposed to be within the orbit of Mercury, and he notified all prominent astronomical institutions throughout the world to be on the lookout for it. He predicted that its transit across the sun's face might take place yesterday or to-day, but as nothing has been discovered here, after most careful observations by the ablest astronomers at the Observatory, it is thought that Mr. Weber was deceived in his observations.

UTICA, Oct. 3.—Dr. Peters, astronomer, of this city, who has been observing the sun's disk for the expected transit of Vulcan, reports that as yet nothing has been discovered.